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Vietnamese congregation thrives in east Biloxi

By Anne W. McWilliams

Of the estimated 5,000 Vietnamese living on the Gulf Coast, at least 3,000 live in east Biloxi. What was once the French Quarter there now bristles with signs in the Vietnamese language.

Of these 3,000, around 90 percent are Catholics. Since the Catholic Church helped many of them to come to the U.S., the Catholics continue to minister to them here.

Also there are quite a few Buddhists. In fact, a Buddhist temple has been built in Biloxi.

Also, a congregation of Vietnamese Baptists meets in what was the Bayview Baptist Church overlooking Back Bay. After the majority of Bayview's members moved to other parts of the city, those remaining voted to let the Vietnamese use the building.

First Church, Biloxi, in sponsoring the Vietnamese mission furnishes its Sunday School literature and several workers to help teach children on Sunday morning. Gulf Coast Association, Home Mission Board, and Mississippi Baptist Convention Board share payment of the pastor's salary.

Tho Ngoc Dang has been pastor of this church since May, 1987, when he moved there from the pastorate of a Vietnamese church in Jackson County. He had come to Mississippi in 1986 from Nebraska, where he worked ten years for Inter-North Oil and also was a pastor. In Vietnam, he had been a

pastor, 1956-1975.

Because Dang knows so many Vietnamese people, all the way from Mobile to New Orleans, he has become almost a full-time social worker among them. At the same time he tries to help meet their physical needs, he does not forget the spiritual needs. In his first year in Mississippi, 300 of those to whom he witnessed professed faith in Christ.

He interprets at hospitals, at schools, and other places for those who don't speak English. He helps people fill in forms to apply for citizenship, and often goes to New Orleans with them, a six-or seven-hour trip.

At least 3,000 Vietnamese live in east Biloxi.

Visitation, door to door, takes a great deal of his time. When the people are not home, he returns again and again.

Toward the close of 1988, the Vietnamese congregation numbered around 60. When the men are out working on the fishing boats, attendance is smaller, but when they are home, attendance may reach 100.

"It is not a settled community yet" Dang said. People are constantly

moving in and out, going to New York or Baltimore, Des Moines, or some other place. Every Sunday, new people visit, having just moved to Mississippi. One family drives all the way from Baton Rouge to attend services once a month.

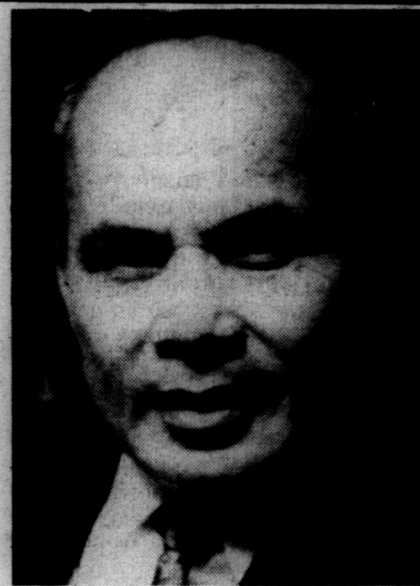
The congregation has accepted responsibility for building maintenance and utilities. Dang said that he teaches stewardship, the importance of bringing an offering to the church. Also he teaches Baptist doctrines to new converts before he baptizes them.

Dang has published songbooks for the church, with English and Vietnamese words on facing pages. "We need a van badly," he said. They've been using an old one to transport people.

One of his dreams is home Bible studies, a share time in homes. However, not enough leaders are available for this. "Our people won't let just anyone walk into a home and teach the Bible study. They insist on trained Bible leaders, such as pastors." There's not enough of Dang to go to enough places.

The people love and respect him. They don't mind calling him in the middle of the night, because he is an older man they can look up to and trust.

He'd like to spend more time in his duties as pastor, but his social work takes a lot of time. He can't stretch any further.



Tho Ngoc Dang



Thien Xuan Mai

Former monk says he walked wrong way 36 years

By Tim Nicholas

There's a Christian who knows the life of a Buddhist monk from the inside. Thien Xuan Mai was one for 36 years.

Thien visited the Mississippi Gulf Coast a few months ago to help the Baptist leadership there in dealing with the Buddhist influence there. He worked with Tho Ngoc Dang, pastor of the Vietnamese Baptist congregation in Biloxi, visiting in Vietnamese homes from Bayou Labatre to Bay St. Louis and to the edge of Alabama.

Thien was a Buddhist chaplain in then-South Vietnam when a Communist rocket hit headquarters when he was inside. A lot of people were injured; he lost a leg, had eye injuries, and carries two pieces of that rocket in his head today.

He tells of praying to Buddha for healing for years but received no answers to his hurts.

When he escaped Vietnam in 1986 and awaited immigration in a refugee camp in the Philippines, his wife saw a film about the refugee work of Mississippian Doug Kellum. She told him that Jesus Christ had healed

many people.

He said he prayed "If you are really God as the film showed, please heal my eye. I will serve you."

Thien continues Thien's narrative since Thien speaks little English. "The next day he can see very well," said Tho. "I knew Jesus Christ was really God," Thien said.

So, from his new perspective, Thien, who lives in North Carolina, spends his time telling about his new life as a Christian. In Mississippi, he laid groundwork for Vietnamese to know that they can move from Buddhism to Christianity.

He visited the Buddhist temple which opened in Biloxi over the winter. The monk comes from Houston, Tex., for services. The local Buddhist council leader takes conversational English from Pastor Tho, and his wife and child sometimes attend the Baptist church.

What Thien tells Buddhists — and any Vietnamese who will listen — is that he walked the wrong way for 36 years. Before, he walked in the dark; now he sees the light.



Inside the Buddhist temple in Biloxi.

Here I stand, Lord

Note: Early in the morning of Dec. 19, 1988, First Church, Sharon, Laurel, was badly damaged by fire. Four months later, the burned portion was pushed over and hauled away, making room for a new facility. Just before the actual 'pushing over' began Robert V. Presley, minister of music/education at the church, wrote this poem.

Here I stand, Lord,
Knee-deep in memories.
If I listen closely, I can hear,
above the drone of bulldozer engines,
The splash of water in the baptistry.
I can hear, Lord, if I listen closely,
"Here Comes The Bride."
Lord, if I listen closely,
I can hear the happy voices singing
"To God Be The Glory."

Here I stand, Lord,
right where boys and girls and men and women have
said 'yes' to your tug at their hearts.

Lord, just as shell remains of
this building — doors, windows,
pews, hymnals — all that was
good has been removed —
So, here I stand, Lord,
The chill of early morning
moving in and out — around me.

Soon, now, Lord — only a
pile of rubble will lie where this
testimony has proudly stood —
so, here I stand, Lord, emotions running wild inside me.

Here I stand, Lord,
smack on the altar of a new day —
Here I stand, Lord —
waiting with others to see
your will done —

I gotta go, Lord,
they're ready now to push
these blocks — this cement — this ole
burned-out shell into a pile
and haul it away —
So, here I stand, Lord.
In your will
Keep me here, Lord —
show me the miracle of newness —

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Nashville, Tennessee
—Robert V. Presley

Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

Vines' plea commendable

Southern Baptist Convention President Jerry Vines is to be commended for calling for a deferment on the decision of whether or not to establish the newly proposed Religious Liberty Commission.

Vines is aware that a vote on the establishment of the new commission would be a divisive matter, and he wants to avoid such a confrontation this year in Las Vegas. He wants this year's convention to major on missions and evangelism.

Hopefully, the Executive Committee, which was to make the recommendation, will back away from its intention to do so, though there will not be an opportunity to make a decision one way or another until the next meeting of the committee on Monday afternoon just before the convention begins on Tuesday morning.

The desire to major on missions and evangelism for this year's convention is a significant one, for the presidents of both of the missions agencies have voiced reservations about the new commission. They realize that the money to finance the new commission more than likely would have to come from income which the two missions agencies normally would expect to

receive.

Southern Baptists are well represented in Washington in matters of religious liberty already. There is no need for an immediate and abrupt change. The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has been our representation there for more than 50 years. The representation has never been better than it is right now.

Some members of the SBC Public Affairs Committee, which is the Southern Baptist group on the Baptist Joint Committee, feel that the Joint Committee has not been responsive to Southern Baptist wishes. This is not the case, however. Only once has the Joint Committee failed to speak in favor of a Southern Baptist resolution that dealt in matters of religious liberty, and that was when the convention supported President Reagan's call for prayer in the public school. Reagan himself admitted later that those prayers would have had to be written for the students and that the prayers would be mandatory, and the Baptist Joint Committee realized that this would be contrary to Baptist wishes.

In addition to Keith Parks of the Foreign Mission Board and Larry Lewis of the Home Mission Board,

James Smith of the Brotherhood Commission and Carolyn Weatherford of the Woman's Missionary Union also have made formal statements in opposition to the new commission.

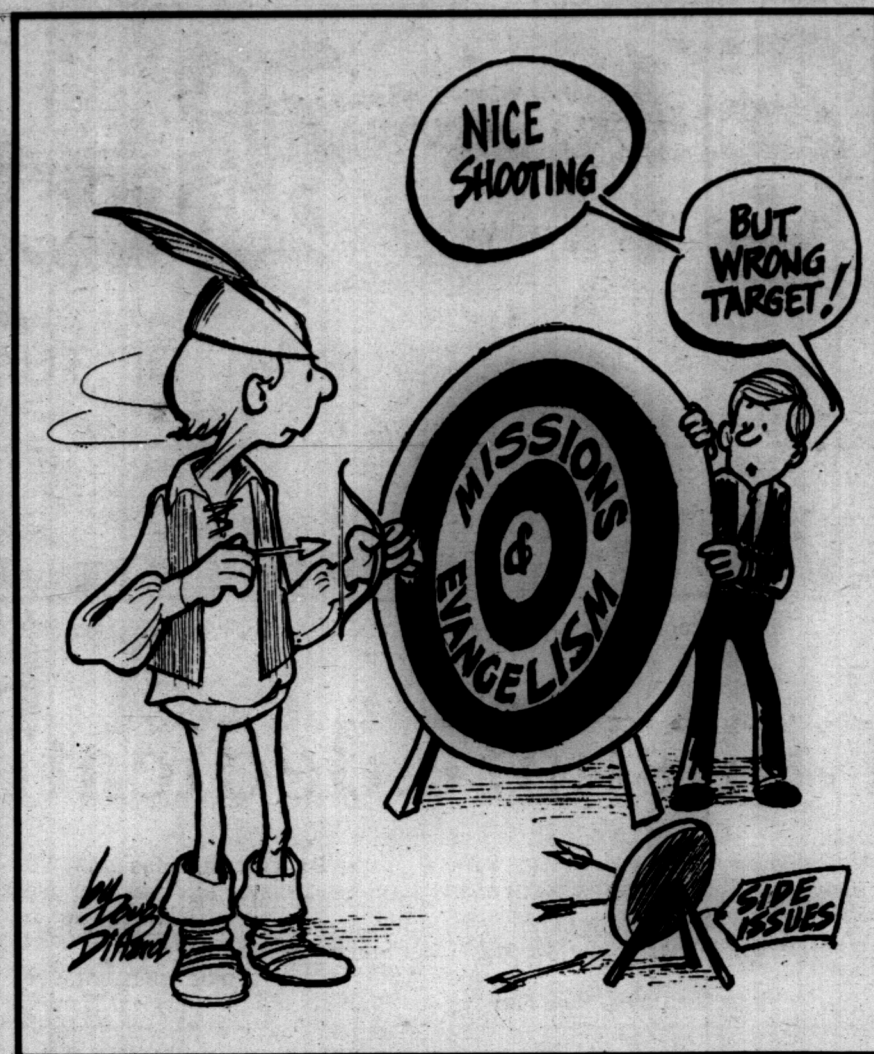
President Vines is correct. Las Vegas is not the time nor place to seek to establish a new agency of any kind. We are not coming up to budget hopes as it is. And we surely can wait on religious liberty commission in view of the fact that we have excellent representation already.

Be that as it may, Vines also has positive reasons for wanting the decision deferred. He said, "Our Home Mission Board has carefully developed a strategy to get the gospel to every person in Las Vegas. Therefore, rather than devoting our thoughts, prayers, and energies to this matter, I am suggesting that we devote them fully to the task of presenting Christ in Las Vegas."

He added, "I would like to see all Southern Baptists join hands in Las Vegas in a positive, united witnessing effort."

Amen. That is what the Southern Baptist Convention is all about.

May we implement Vines' wishes with zeal.



Guest opinion . . .

A modern Livingston

By H. E. Williams

Doug Knapp, truly the modern version of David Livingston, has retired from the Kyela District Baptist Mission of Tanzania, having served since 1964 with his wife, Evelyn, as agricultural missionaries under the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The farm they operated, to demonstrate modern agricultural methods, was located at the very foot of the Livingston mountains in southwest Tanzania, only 12 miles from the farm where David Livingston made his first camp upon going some 700 miles from the coast of east Africa. The famed missionary-explorer died just southwest of the Lake Nyassa near Blantyre; and his heart was buried under a Yew tree, since the natives felt he loved Africa so much that his heart should forever belong to the land. His body was carried across the mountains and down the Bogomoyo River to Zanzibar to be finally interred in the most honored burial spot in the Western world, Westminster Abbey in London.

Like Livingston, Doug Knapp was bi-vocational. He left the south Florida Extension Service, where he had served several years as a county agent, to enter Southern Baptist mission work. He served as a missionary church planter, as well as an agriculturist, teaching the African not only about the Christian message of eternal salvation, but also how to raise their standard of living from tribal poverty to a standard comparable to

that of the modern world.

The Knapps first had to live in the town of Tukuyu some 40 miles from the 100-acre mission farm, since no suitable quarters were available in the Kyela region. In 1976, Doug and Evelyn decided to take the machine shed building and convert it into living quarters so they could live in the midst of the people to whom they were ministering. An Arkansas rice farmer, Bob Fuller of Brinkley, gave them enough metal roofing to cover the machine-shed-home. It was soon discovered that the tropical sun on the aluminum roof made living in the new quarters unbearable. They returned to an African custom of installing a thick thatched roof over the metal, bringing the heat level down to at least normal tropical conditions.

During the time Doug, Evelyn, and their three children were at Kyela, they witnessed the most phenomenal growth of their work imaginable. Doug, a deacon-preacher, baptized 58,144 converts. Likely no other mission in Africa, maybe in the world, saw such unusual growth in only one mission station manned by a man and his wife.

The Knapps "discipled" their converts before and after baptism. They brought them to the farm by trucks for several weeks after professions were made and spent an entire day instructing the people in the "ways of the Lord and His church." They also provided lunch for the new disciples.

In October, 1976, three Arkansans,

Raymond Atwood, then pastor of Hamburg First Baptist; H. E. Williams, president-emeritus of Southern Baptist College of Walnut Ridge; and Orville Jenkins, a Southern Baptist missionary assigned to the Kenya Baptist Mission, assisted in the first crusade which was conducted in the 22 churches within 20 miles of the farm which the Knapps had led in organizing. During two weeks more than 750 professions were witnessed during the revivals conducted mostly under trees.

Since the 1976 Crusade, the Knapps have led in securing the ministry of scores of American pastors for annual revivals. Atwood returned to Kyela three other years accompanied by other ministers he solicited for the effort. In one effort the Atwood group witnessed over 4,000 professions. He also shipped tons of clothing and other usable items to be used by the Knapps in their ministry.

The 22 churches in the Kyela District in 1976 have now grown to almost 100 with more than 40,000 members. Where are the others of the 58,144 converts? It should be remembered that the average life span in the Kyela District is about 34 years. Sometimes as many as one-third of a church membership will die in one year. It is an endless task to win the people of Kyela District before the "Grim reaper" beats us.

H. E. Williams, is president-emeritus of Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, AR.

Southern Baptists have a veritable army of folks who are more than able to handle just about any job that is thrown at them. They are the group that we call senior adults. These folks have been around a long time, and they have served well in the past. There is no reason to expect that they cannot serve just as well in times to come.

We need not let this reservoir of ability and talent go unused.

May 2 is Senior Adult Day in Southern Baptist churches all across the nation. This is a time to honor our senior groups for what they have done. It is also a time to give thought to what they might do in the future.

We need to make deliberations of

this sort in self defense. Our nation is growing older at a rapid pace.

Just a little thought will convince one of the reasonableness of this consideration. If there is something that we want to accomplish in our church, there is a good chance that these folks have already done it. They have been around awhile, and they know their way around. They have experience. They have ability. They have expertise. And, for the most part, they have time. Many of them are looking for something to do and would be happy for the opportunity of service.

Let's honor them on May 2. Let's also give them opportunities of service the year around. The church will profit and be the richer for it.

Volunteers for Japan

Foreign Mission Board spokesman Bill Peacock has returned from Japan with additional information that reveals more volunteers could be used in the Mississippi-Japan partnership revival campaign that will go on throughout October.

At least two new Japanese churches have signed up. And while it was first thought that many of the revivals would be for only half a week, it is now confirmed that most, if not all, will go for a full week. This means that more people are needed. Particularly need-

ed are lay people for the teams.

The evangelism effort is scheduled to coincide with the 100th anniversary of Baptist work in Japan. The Japanese Baptists asked Mississippi Baptists to help them observe the anniversary.

Those wishing to become a part of the endeavor should contact Paul Harrell or Guy Henderson at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205 — phone (601) 968-3800.

Mixed marriage in Israel

JERUSALEM, Israel (EP) — The Israeli government has given temporary permission to a Messianic Jewish woman and her Christian husband to live in Israel, but only until the High Court of Justice rules whether

Messianic Jews are eligible to enter the country under the Law of Return. Such a ruling is expected in the next few months in the case of two Messianic Jews from Zimbabwe whose case is currently before the court.

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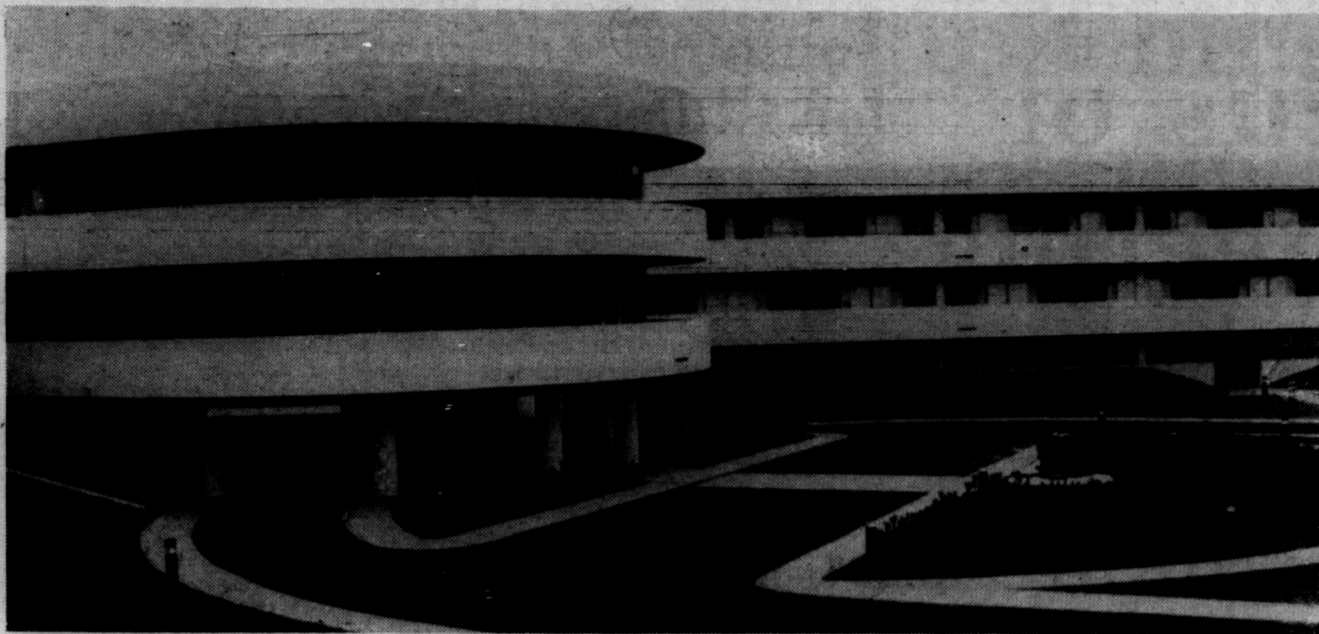
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The new dining room, lobby, and added wing at Gulfshore will be dedicated next week.



The central room of the staff house at Gulfshore is shown. The staff house will also be dedicated May 12 and 13.

Gulfshore dedication will take place May 12-13

By Tim Nicholas

Dedication of the new wing and the staff center of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly will take place on site May 12-13.

The facilities, located at Pass Christian, will now have a capacity of 528 persons for the various training programs that take place.

The program begins at 7 p.m., Friday, with a combined coastal church choir and orchestra giving the call to worship. The program includes Gary Anglin of Pascagoula, singing "Cornerstone," and an original drama about Gulfshore entitled "Open to the Possibilities."

Featured speakers for the evening will be James Griffith, executive director of the Georgia Baptist Con-

vention, and Mississippian James Sullivan, retired president of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Sullivan will lead an open dialogue on "Baptists as I have Known Them."

And Tim Pierce of Pelahatchie will perform the instrumental solo "The Lord's Prayer."

The Saturday morning session begins at 10 a.m. with the Dan Hall Memorial handbells being played by the Mississippi Singing Churchmen, who will also sing.

Gulfshore's chairman for its rebuilding, Frank Gunn, will talk about "Gulfshore: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." Gulfshore Manager, Frank Simmons, will speak on "Gulfshore: An Opportunity for

Growth." And Robert L. Hamblin of Tupelo will speak on "A Place of Commitment."

Graham Smith of the MBCB staff, will sing "Holy Ground."

Grady Cothen, also retired from the presidency of the Sunday School Board, will deliver the dedicatory address.

Mrs. Charles Tyler, Collins, president of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, will lead the dedicatory prayer.

Selections by the Mississippi Singing Churchmen will conclude the program.

The program for Friday and Saturday follows:

FRIDAY EVENING

May 12, 1989

7:00 p.m. — Earl Kelly, presiding

Combined Church Orchestra

Call to Worship — "Crown Him with Many Crowns" — arr. Kirkland
Combined Choirs and Orchestra

Invocation — David R. Grant

"Guarding the Light" — James N. Griffith

Congregational Praise — Hymn No. 117 — "Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Solo — "Cornerstone" — Gary Anglin

Gulfshore Drama — "Open to the Possibilities," — Tim Nicholas, writer-producer

Congregational Praise — Hymn No. 438 — "He Lives"

Choral Praise — "There's Something About That Name" — arr. Kirkland
"Together We Build" — arr. Blankenship

Combined Choirs and Orchestra

Open Dialogue — "Baptists As I Have Known Them" — James L. Sullivan

Choral Praise — "Find Us Faithful" — arr. Rhodes

Combined Choirs and Orchestra

Benediction — Bartis Harper

Instrumental Solo — "The Lord's Prayer" — Mallotte — Tim Pierce

Pianist — Irene Martin Organist — Dot Pray

SATURDAY MORNING

May 13, 1989

DEDICATION SERVICE

10:00 a.m. — Don O'Quin, presiding

Dan Hall Memorial Handbells —

Perry Robinson, Director

Mississippi Singing Churchmen —

Milfred Valentine, Director

Opening Prayer — Bill Causey

"Gulfshore: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" — Frank Gunn

Congregational Praise — Hymn No. 40 — "All Hail the Power"

"Gulfshore: An Opportunity for Growth" — Frank Simmons

"A Place of Commitment" — Robert L. Hamblin

Mississippi Singing Churchmen

Recognition of Guests and Gulfshore Long Range Committee — Earl Kelly

Congregational Praise — "Gulfshore"

Solo — "Holy Ground" — L. Graham Smith

Dedicatory Address — Grady C. Cothen

Dedicatory Prayer — Mrs. Charles Tyler

Mississippi Singing Churchmen

Pianist — Irene Martin

Organist — Dot Pray

Vines asks deferment of new SBC Commission

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP) — Jerry Vines, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has asked the SBC Executive Committee to "defer its recommendation to establish a Religious Liberty Commission" at the 1989 annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nev.

Vines, pastor of First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Fla., told Baptist Press he requested the action in order to keep the focus of the annual meeting "on presenting Christ in Las Vegas."

The creation of the new Religious Liberty Commission, to represent Southern Baptist First Amendment and religious liberty concerns in Washington, was recommended by the Executive Committee at its February 1989 meeting. In order for the new commission to be created, it must be approved by majority vote by messengers to two subsequent annual meetings.

During the February meeting, Executive Committee members, by a 42-27 secret ballot vote, approved a recommendation from a seven-member study committee appointed to propose "an alternative to accomplish the program and funding" of the Washington-based Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, composed of nine Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada, including the SBC.

The action specifies the SBC would continue its relationship with the Baptist Joint Committee through the new commission.

The BJC has been involved in controversy in the SBC for several years. The seven-member study committee which recommended creation of the new commission is the third study committee to look into the relationship between the BJC and the SBC in recent years. In addition, the BJC has survived several attempts to withdraw funding.

A part of the Executive Committee recommendation includes dissolving the 18-member Public Affairs Committee, the standing committee through which the SBC relates to the BJCPA. Under recent actions, the role of the PAC has been expanded, but actions of the group also have resulted in controversy over its role and direction.

The action to create a new commission, in addition to drawing a divided vote on the Executive Committee, set off protests. The leaders of both Southern Baptist mission boards — R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, and Larry Lewis, president of the Home Mission Board — have made statements opposing the creation of the new commission, noting fears the new agency would siphon money from missions.

In his statement, Vines said: "As president of the Southern Baptist Convention, I am requesting the Executive Committee to defer its recommendation to establish a Religious Liberty Commission. The primary thrust of my presidency has been an emphasis on personal witnessing. This is the focus of my own ministry and also the heart of our work as Southern Baptists."

"I have been most pleased with the affirmative response this emphasis has received from all sections of Southern Baptist life."

"The upcoming convention session in Las Vegas is intended to be a major effort to share the gospel with the people of Las Vegas. As I understand it, this was the motivating factor in the selection of Las Vegas for the 1989 convention site. All of the preliminary planning has revolved around making our witness as positive and united as possible."

Vines said the matter has "been of great concern to me in recent weeks," and added that after much prayer, he decided to write Charles Sullivan, chairman of the Executive Committee and pastor of First Baptist Church of Lenoir City, Tenn.

The letter, he said, included the request to defer discussion of the RLC, and added: "Whatever the merits of (Continued on page 4)

Southern Baptists top \$1 billion in LM Offering

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — The 100th anniversary of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions has brought Southern Baptists to another milestone.

In mid-April, the cumulative total the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has received for the offering topped the \$1 billion mark.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is taken each December during

the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions in Southern Baptist churches. It supports foreign missions causes and is promoted by the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood Commission.

Every penny given is sent overseas to support foreign missionaries and their work, missions officials noted. None of the offering is used for administrative purposes, which are (Continued on page 4)

Jesus' name focus of WMU annual meeting

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (BP) — The name of Jesus will be the focal point of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting June 11-12. "In His Name" will be the theme.

Those attending will celebrate his name through music, hear how his name is being proclaimed around the world and be challenged to minister in his name by the examples of others. A video presentation of a recent

China tour by The Centurymen will be shown on Sunday evening. The Centurymen is an all-male singing group sponsored by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

Volunteers are needed for Chile and Argentina

Monica Keathley of the Mississippi WMU office reports that a total of 14 volunteers are needed for two upcoming mission trips, one to Argentina and one to Chile.

"Both of these projects are sponsored by Mississippi WMU and both assignments are to teach Vacation Bi-

ble School to the missionaries' children," said Miss Keathley.

The trip to Argentina is July 9-22 and the cost is \$1,300. The trip to Chile is July 9-24, and the cost is \$1,445. A \$100 deposit for both trips is due on May 8. For details contact Miss Keathley at 968-3800.

Woman's Missionary Union: June 11-12, 1989

Las Vegas Convention Center Rotunda,
Las Vegas, Nevada

Theme: "In His Name"

Sunday afternoon, June 11, 1989

Scripture — Philippians 2:9-11

2:20 — Celebrate His Name Through Music — Jean P. Shepherd, organist, Waco, Texas, emeritus missionary, Japan; Ruth M. Wood, pianist, executive director, Arizona WMU, Phoenix

2:30 — "Glory Be to the Father"

Hollowed be His Name — June Whitlow, associate executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham, Ala.

The Word — Stan Hill, video specialist, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham; Judy Bishop, Fort Worth, Texas; Jennie Stillman, El Paso, Texas

Call to Order — Marjorie J. McCullough, president, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Alexandria, La.

Praise His Name

Proclaim His Name

In the West — Jack B. Johnson, executive director, Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, Phoenix; C. B. Hogue, executive director, California Southern Baptist Convention, Fresno; Ernest B. Myers, executive director, Nevada Baptist Convention, Reno

In Las Vegas — David Meacham, director of missions, Southern Nevada Baptist Association, Las Vegas; Jay Durham, director, media department, Home Mission Board; Atlanta

Glory to His Name — Seminary Vocal Ensemble, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; J. Phillip Landgrave, director Partners in His Name — Louisiana Woman's Missionary Union and Nevada Woman's Missionary Union; Beverly O'Reagan, president, Louisiana WMU, New Orleans; Nelda Seal, executive director, Louisiana WMU, Alexandria; Linda Johnston, president, Nevada WMU, Reno; Cindy Still, executive director, Nevada WMU, Reno

Witnessing in His Name — Nancy Curtis, executive director, North Carolina WMU, Cary

Sunday Evening, June 11, 1989

Scripture — Acts 4:12

6:50 — Celebrate His Name Through Music — Jean P. Shepherd, organist; Ruth M. Wood, pianist

7:00 — "Glory Be to the Father"

Hollowed be His Name — Bobbie Sorrell, associate executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham

The Word — Stan Hill, Judy Bishop, Jennie Stillman

Praise His Name

Flag Processional and Recognition of Missionaries

Glory to His Name: Witnessing Through Music in China — Beryl Red, director, The Centurymen, New York

Proclaim His Name in Uncharted Ways — Jack and Avah Shelby, Cooperative Services

International, Hong Kong

Praise His Name

Missions Today: Tradition, Innovation — Larry L. Lewis, president, Home Mission Board, Atlanta; R. Keith Parks, president, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham

Witnessing in His Name — Nancy Curtis

Monday Morning, June 12, 1989

Scripture — Matthew 25-40

9:20 — Celebrate His Name Through Music — Jean P. Shepherd, organist; Ruth M. Wood, pianist

9:30 — "Glory Be to the Father"

Hollowed be His Name — Joyce Mitchell, director, interpretation section, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham

The Word — Stan Hill, Judy Bishop, Jennie Stillman

Praise His Name

Recognition of Local Committee

Business

Executive Board Report — Carolyn Weatherford

In His Name in the Second Century — Catherine Allen, associate executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham

Praise His Name

Caring in His Name — Pamela Plath, director, Health Care Services, Central Baptist Association, Phoenix; Sylvia Boothe, national consultant on alternatives to abortion, Home Mission Board, Atlanta

Ministering in His Name — Nancy Curtis

Monday Afternoon, June 12, 1989

Scripture — John 3:18

1:50 — Celebrate His Name Through Music — Jean P. Shepherd, organist; Ruth M. Wood, pianist

2:00 — "Glory Be to the Father"

Hollowed be His Name — Lynn Yarbrough, director, publications section, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham

The Word — Stan Hill, Judy Bishop, Jennie Stillman

Praise His Name

Proclaim His Name in Appalachia — Rita Mahon, Pennington Gap, Va.; Jimmie Winter, promotion associate in new areas, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham

Our Land for Christ — Richard Harris, director, mass evangelism department, Home Mission Board, Atlanta

Praise His Name

Ministering and Witnessing Through Mission Action — Alberta Gilpin, executive director, Missouri WMU, Jefferson City

Proclaim His Name in Japan — Robert Dilks, foreign missionary, Japan

Witnessing in His Name — Nancy Curtis

Monday Evening, June 12, 1989

Scripture — Isaiah 25:1

6:50 — Celebrate His Name Through Music — Jean P. Shepherd, organist; Ruth M. Wood, pianist

7:00 — "Glory Be to the Father"

Hollowed be His Name — Pat Richie, manager, training design group, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham

The Word — Stan Hill, Judy Bishop, Jennie Stillman

Praise His Name

Acteans Witness and Minister in His Name — Deborah T. Aye, Valencia, Calif.; Lourdes Floridama (Flory) Carrera, Columbia, S.C.; Pat Griffin, Fairfax, Va.; Michelle L. Mitchell, Bellevue, Neb.; Lori Suzanne Webb, Lanett, Ala.; Tonia Wheeler, High Point, N.C.

A Family Continues to Proclaim His Name — Wana Ann Fort, emeritus missionary to Zimbabwe, Dallas

Praise His Name

Glory to His Name — Seminary Vocal Ensemble, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

In His Name: Proclaim — Teresa A. Gunter, Tallahassee, Fla.

Ministering in His Name — Nancy Curtis

Vines to ask deferment of new commission

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the recommendation to begin the Religious Liberty Commission, the focus in Las Vegas must be on missions and evangelism.

"Our Home Mission Board has carefully developed a strategy to get the gospel to every person in Las Vegas. Therefore, rather than devoting our thoughts, prayers and energies to this matter, I am suggesting that we devote them fully to the task of presenting Christ in Las Vegas."

In an interview, Vines declined to discuss the controversial nature of the proposal, noting only that he wants to defer the action in order to make the annual meeting "as positive and united as possible. I would like to see all Southern Baptists join hands in Las Vegas in a positive, united witnessing effort."

Under leadership of the Home Mission Board, the Nevada statewide evangelism emphasis includes simultaneous revivals, scripture distribution and sponsorship of 25 church-type missions. In Las Vegas, some 2,000 will participate in revivals, a door-to-door canvass of the city and scripture distribution.

The president noted other items of business facing the convention — such as the election of officers, adopting a budget and doing other business — "will not take away from the focus. They are normal convention business; this (the RLC) is a different matter, in my view."

Vines said he had no recommendations for how the Executive Committee should defer the action, and is "leaving that up to Charles (Sullivan). I just believe we should defer it."

Sullivan told Baptist Press he will "honor our president's request in the sense that I will present it to the Executive Committee. I believe it is coming from him in good spirit and the desire to make the emphasis of the convention missions and evangelism. I also believe he is trying to emphasize peace rather than the divisive issues that are before us."

Sullivan, however, said he would not predict what the response of the 76-member committee will be. "It may well be that they will vote to defer it," he said, but noted "hours and hours of study have gone into the formation of the commission."

"There is such a polarity of feelings about the Baptist Joint Committee, the Public Affairs Committee and the Religious Liberty Commission that... divisiveness could come," Sullivan said.

James M. Dunn, executive director of the BJCPA, said: "I applaud Jerry Vines for his astute insight and his keen commitment to keeping the focus on missions and evangelism. It is increasingly obvious to Baptists of all persuasions that a redundant Religious Liberty Commission in Washington is a bad idea."

Southern Baptists top \$1 billion for LM Offering

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funded by the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget.

The offering first was taken in 1888 when Lottie Moon, a foreign missionary serving in China, wrote to the newly organized WMU, asking the members to collect funds to send another missionary to China.

The women set a goal of \$2,000 to send two missionaries to China. They surpassed that goal by giving \$3,315.26 — enough to send three.

"From the early days of the women making sacrificial gifts of their own personal offerings to the present day, they have become the inspirers and motivators for whole churches to engage in prayer and giving for foreign missions," said Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks.

This year, the 1988 Christmas offering goal was \$84 million. The board has received \$75,297,456.52 toward that goal.

Projections indicate offering receipts will total 11 percent more than the 1987 offering receipts of \$69,912,638 — which would still be about \$6.5 million short of the 1988 goal.

Board officials will continue to receive 1988 Christmas offerings through May 31.

Of the \$1 billion collected cumulatively thus far, 55 percent of the money has been given in the

decade of the 1980s. Eighty-two percent was collected during the '70s and '80s, and 94 percent has been collected since 1960.

Put another way, from the first offering in 1888 until 1959, Southern Baptists gave about \$61 million. From 1960 until the present, the board has received about \$940 million.

Offering statistics show that the total offering receipts doubled from 1960 to 1969, and then more than doubled again in the 1970s.

PAC supports establishing religious liberty agency

By Jack Brymer

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee has thrown its support behind the proposed establishment of a Religious Liberty Commission but has recommended a limit on funding for the new agency.

During an April 20-21 meeting in Washington, the PAC adopted two resolutions dealing with the Religious Liberty Commission and included mention of the proposed agency in the committee's annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention.

In February, the SBC Executive Committee approved the creation of a Religious Liberty Commission after a seven-member study committee recommended establishing the new entity as "an alternative to accomplish the program and funding" of the Washington-based Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

The action, however, specified the convention "would continue its relationship with the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs through the Religious Liberty Commission."

In order to create a new entity, messengers to two consecutive SBC annual meetings would be required to approve the action by majority votes.

Thus, messengers to both the 1989 annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nev., and the 1990 annual meeting in New Orleans must give their assent for the Religious Liberty Commission to become a reality.

In one Religious Liberty Commission-related resolution, PAC members recorded their support for the establishment of the new entity.

The resolution, which was authored by Thomas E. Pratt Jr., a pastor from Brighton, Colo., cited Southern Baptists' need for a religious liberty office that would be representative of and directly accountable to the convention.

The resolution also was critical of the level of financial support given to the Baptist Joint Committee by its eight other member denominations.

In the resolution, the PAC criticized actions of the Baptist Joint Committee and its executive director, James M. Dunn. According to the resolution, the Baptist Joint Committee failed to "alert Southern Baptists to the grave threats to religious liberty posed by the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1988" and to "support the Armstrong amendment to the D.C. funding bill, which sought to protect the rights of religious institutions to refrain from financial support of immoral practices, contrary to their religious beliefs."

It also cited Dunn for engaging in "personal attacks" upon Southern Baptist leaders and trustees.

In addition, the resolution criticized the agency for posing "a significant threat to the (SBC) Cooperative Program (unified budget) by encouraging individuals, churches, state conventions, and the Southern Baptist Alliance to send funds directly to the BJCPA." It also alleged "substantial ties" between the Baptist Joint Committee and the Alliance.

A related resolution recommended that SBC funding for the Religious Liberty Commission not exceed the "current combined budget allocations for both entities (the PAC and the Baptist Joint Committee) for at least the next four years."

PAC members said they hoped the resolution would dispel the idea that funds for the new agency would be taken from mission dollars. Pratt, who said he had heard and read estimates that placed the Religious Liberty Commission's first-year operating expenses at \$400,000 to \$750,000, argued publicity about the new agency had "cast us in the worst possible light."

The proposed 1989-90 SBC budget calls for \$391,796 to go to the Baptist Joint Committee and \$23,704 to the PAC.

In its annual report to the SBC, the PAC concluded by noting continued "unresolved differences regarding in-

stitutional and financial ties, as well as disagreements on issues" between itself and the Baptist Joint Committee.

In other action, the PAC voted to ask the 1989 SBC Resolutions Committee to consider a resolution by Albert Lee Smith, an insurance executive from Birmingham, Ala. Smith's resolution would ask Congress to repeal the Civil Rights Restoration Act and all legislation that "treats acts of immorality as 'civil rights.'"

The PAC also considered a resolution by Robbie Hughes, a homemaker from and member of First Church, Jackson, Miss., addressing child-care legislation. The resolution was withdrawn after Richard Land, PAC member and executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, explained that child care generally comes under the Christian Life Commission's program assignment and that the PAC is empowered to speak only on those church-state issues upon which the Baptist Joint Committee cannot agree or does not support. Land pointed out the Baptist Joint Committee has advocated the position set forth in the resolution on institutional child care passed by the 1988 SBC.

A member of the PAC, Les Csorba III of Lorton, Va., announced his resignation during the meeting. Csorba explained his new position as deputy to the special assistant to President Bush for public liaison necessitated his resignation.

Csorba did arrange a White House briefing for PAC members during which his supervisor, Doug Wead, said Southern Baptists, due to their numbers and strength, deserve more representation. Wead said part of his job as special assistant to the president for public liaison is to see that Southern Baptists get their share of tax monies back to them.

Jack Brymer is editor of the Florida Baptist Witness.

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Vaughns arrive in Brazil

The Vaughn family has arrived on their field of missionary service after completing an initial year of language study. In the picture, Mark and Michelle are pointing to the state of Rio Grande do Sul, where they and their parents John and Kathy live. The Vaughns will be working to strengthen the five small existing churches and to start new churches in the northeast section of the state.

Their first Sunday on the field, one of the churches held a traditional Gaucho churrasco (barbecue) in their honor. Correspondence may be addressed to them at: C.P. 73, 95.001 Caxias do Sul, RS, BRAZIL.

Their home church is Scooba, in Kemper Association. He was pastor of Pleasant Hill Church in Simpson Association and Arkadelphia Church in Lauderdale Association before they went to Brazil. "We appreciate greatly the prayers of Mississippi Baptists on our behalf," they say.

Resolution thanks Search Committee

The following is a resolution of appreciation passed by the MBCB following the election of Bill Causey as executive director-treasurer.

"WHEREAS: Members of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board found themselves after election with the weighty task of finding a successor to Earl Kelly, executive director-treasurer of the Convention Board; and

"WHEREAS: Thousands of miles were traveled and hundreds of hours were spent by the executive committee members in their role as search

committee, and

"WHEREAS: The heart of God was genuinely sought by committee members as they pored over hundreds of surveys and dozens of recommendations;

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Heartfelt Christian thanks is extended to the executive committee for discharging its duty in bringing the candidate William W. "Bill" Causey to the convention board for voting. That the committee's work was successful is evident in the unanimous vote to accept him as the new executive director-treasurer."

Staff changes

Linda Kittrell is now serving the Gulf Coast Baptist Association as their new secretary/bookkeeper. She will serve as secretary to director of missions Bobby Perry as well as keeping financial and legal records. She previously was secretary at Bel Aire Church, Gulfport for eight years.

Wayne L. Carlisle has moved to Corinth Church, Kemper Association, as pastor. He was the associate pastor at Westwood Church, Lauderdale Association.

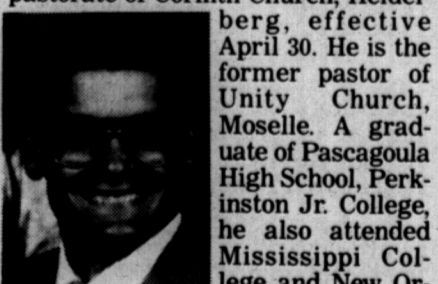
Olivia Killebrew has retired after 17½ years as administrative secretary of the Gulf Coast Baptist Association. She was honored at the spring meeting of the association.



Killebrew

check in appreciation for her service.

James K. Taylor has accepted the pastorate of Corinth Church, Heidelberg, effective April 30. He is the former pastor of Unity Church, Moselle. A graduate of Pascagoula High School, Perkinson Jr. College, he also attended Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.



Taylor

FMB appoints 50 at Little Rock

By Everett Sneed & Bob Stanley

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP) — Fifty new foreign missionaries were appointed April 11 before an overflow crowd of 7,000 here as Arkansas Baptists played host to a meeting of Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board trustees.

More than 6,400 people packed the main Little Rock Convention Center exhibition hall, while others watched on closed-circuit television screens in an overflow area. At the close of the service, 251 people made spiritual decisions, including 110 who committed themselves to explore career mission service.

The only cloud over the otherwise tranquil three-day trustee meeting was the possibility of confrontation between Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks and Criswell College President Paige Patterson, an FMB trustee.

Parks expressed concern in March over the college's option to purchase a seminary in Belgium.

The confrontation did not materialize in this meeting, but Parks and Patterson huddled for 25 minutes with trustee Chairman C. Mark Corts and other board officers during a break in the board's business session April 12.

After the break, Corts announced that a report will be given in the May 22-24 trustee meeting. The report will include what Patterson is doing in regard to the purchase of the Belgian property as well as Parks' concerns about its impact on Baptist work in Europe.

"It is premature for us to discuss this today," Corts said. "We will know more about the disposition of the property in May." In the meantime, he said, board officers will discuss the matter with Patterson and Parks.

Criswell College of Dallas is a ministry of First Baptist Church of Dallas. It is negotiating for purchase of a financially troubled evangelical school near Brussels, Belgium. During a visit to Belgium in mid-March, Patterson said the Belgian school's leaders first approached Criswell College about buying the institution more than three years ago.

Parks indicated he believes that any church has the right to be involved in any kind of mission or evangelistic work it desires. But he said he considers Criswell College's possible purchase of the Belgian school a return to a societal approach to missions, whereas the FMB is committed to the

cooperative method in which churches work together through Southern Baptist-established channels. In this, Parks sees a possible conflict of interest with Patterson's role as an FMB trustee, he said.

FMB officers all were elected by acclamation. Corts, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C., was re-elected chairman. The new officers are Morris H. Mills, a member of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., first vice chairman; Wayne W. Poplin, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Va., second vice chairman; and Betty (Mrs. Paul) Swadley, a pastor's wife and author from South Haven Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo., recording secretary.

The trustees approved a new personnel category called "tentmakers" for people who work in secular professions overseas. The program is designed to help the board reach into limited-access or "closed" countries where traditional missionaries are unable to work, as well as countries where a more traditional approach is possible.

Everett Sneed is editor of the Arkansas Baptist; Bob Stanley writes for the FMB.

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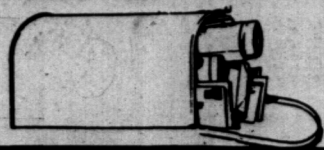
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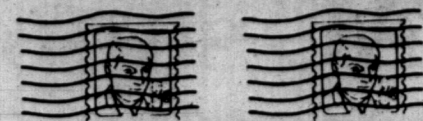
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Bold New Growth

Editor:

Cary Baptist Church (Sharkey/Issaquena) has taken a step toward Bold New Growth. The church selected a search committee to find a part-time minister of music and youth. The members of Cary Baptist Church have committed to pray for church growth every night at 7 p.m., and the Lord's blessings have already begun. Any who feel the Lord's call to this ministry, please contact Rev. John Searcy at Box 59, Cary, MS 39054. Barbara Searcy
Cary

Thanks to youth

Editor:

I am presently serving as part-time youth director at Highland Baptist Church in Crystal Springs, and it gives me great joy to serve my Lord and Savior in this area.

Sunday night, March 12, was considered youth night at Highland Baptist. Our youth had full responsibility of the worship service. Whoever said that all teenagers were bad, I'd like to take a minute of your time to prove you wrong.

We heard our youth tell us that they were thankful for the adults of the church, for the love and support of the adults who had led them to a relationship with Jesus Christ. We also heard

youth tell us of other youth who helped them to find out that the only kind of life to live was a godly life.

And then we heard our youth pastor tell us that, as adults, drinking alcohol and smoking cigarettes were not only tools that destroyed our physical bodies but our spiritual ones as well.

What a blessing our youth are to us at Highland! Especially to their youth director! Thank you, Highland youth, for showing Christ to the people around you. Keep up the good work.

Milton Bell
Crystal Springs

What's the agenda

Editor:

The recent article regarding the selection of Russ Bush as academic vice-president/dean of the faculty at Southeastern raises a very important question for those who have followed the SBC conflict the past 10 years. According to the article, Bush discussed several topics at a news conference, including "charges of liberalism" at the seminary. He was quoted as saying, "I'm not sure that exists here."

But isn't that what all the fighting has been about for the past 10 years? Haven't we been told again and again that our agencies and institutions, including the seminaries, have fallen into the hands of liberals, that we have liberals teaching in the seminaries and in places of leadership? Haven't we been encouraged to elect certain

men as president so that they could appoint the right people to the boards so that the boards could address this problem and provide the appropriate remedies? Hasn't the current board at Southeastern brought in a new administration for the express purpose of ridding the seminary of the influence of liberals?

Please don't tell us that the 10-year battle has not been over the alleged presence of liberals in SBC life. And now, one of the men called in to help dispose of the liberals tells a news conference, "I'm not sure that exists here."

Does a comment like that give you the feeling that someone has not been leveling with us from the very beginning? Could it be that your assertion that you do not know any liberals in Southern Baptist life is going to have to be taken more seriously now that we've been assured that liberalism is not even a problem at our seminary which is most often accused of being a haven of liberals?

When are those behind all the turmoil in the SBC going to let the rest of us know what the real agenda is?

Raymond L. Spears, pastor
East Heights Church
Tupelo

A tribute to a missionary

Editor:

We called her "our missionary." And we did it with a lot of pride.

No, she was never commissioned by our Foreign Mission Board. She never attended a language school. She never received a degree from a seminary. She never was, nor did she claim to be, a missionary in the strictest sense of the word. Still, she was our

missionary.

As for missionary credentials, all that Pat Dunagin had was a love for her Lord, her family, a love for people, and a genuine compassion for those who were hurting. I am sure that it was compassion that urged her on to earn a degree in nursing.

When you add to all these qualities a radiant smile, an outgoing personality, and an incredible attitude, you had a person that would win the hearts of a lot of people, first as a public health nurse for Clarke County and later as a member of the staff at Watkins Hospital in Quitman.

As much as Pat had wanted to be a foreign missionary, if you had told her a few years back that she would be going to Central America for a couple of weeks with a medical mission team, I am sure that she would have just laughed and walked away. No one, including Pat, knew then that she would make not ONE, but THREE trips there.

So, in September of 1984 and 1985, and again in June of 1988, under the sponsorship of Pat Wilkerson, missionary to Honduras, and Global Outreach, an interdenominational medical mission agency, Pat Dunagin experienced the fulfillment of a dream. Along with friends and co-workers at Watkins, Dr. and Mrs. James C. Graham, Rodney McPhearsen, and his RN wife Lavonia, Pat was privileged to minister to the diseased and destitute people of Puerto Lem-pira, an impoverished city in the northeastern part of Honduras.

These friends who worked with Pat can tell you what an impact these mission trips had on her life. All of us who knew her sensed this too. Lavonia summed it all up for us in a little note

which she had scribbled on the margin of a map of Honduras. It says simply,

"Pat Dunagin loved working in these areas. She desired so much to return there just one more time."

We miss our missionary more than words could ever say. Her influence on all of us will last a lifetime. She went home to be with her Lord on March 28.

Arlis V. Nichols, pastor
Pine Grove Church
Quitman

Distaste for quote

Editor:

I feel led to express my distaste and dissatisfaction with your item which appeared on the back page of the Thursday, April 20, 1989 Baptist Record from Richard Edger in Quote regarding God's creation.

We are exposed to this kind of items in our daily newspapers, etc., but to see it in a Baptist newspaper is shocking and disappointing.

I pray that you will maintain a Christian newspaper that provides news, spiritual guidance, and reading that is above the jokes and insinuations regarding our Holy and divine God that are so commonly used in this day.

Gaylon C. Wheeler
Woodville

The material in question read, "God, as the book of Genesis has it, was careful to make the mountains, the oceans, the planets, and the animals first, and to leave man and woman for last. He spared himself a lot of gratuitous advice." — Editor

Names in the news

Curtis Hall, 54, Jackson, a teacher at Murrah High School for 27 years, died April 25 from complications of a stroke he suffered nearly a month before. He was the husband of Carolyn Hall, a former employee in the Baptist Student Work Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, who now occasionally works at the Baptist Building on a temporary basis. Funeral services were held April 28 at Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson, where he was a member.



Fisher

E. Harold Fisher, president of Blue Mountain College, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the National School Boards Association. Fisher is the first Mississippian to serve as an officer of NSBA. He has served as a member of NSBA's Board of Directors since 1986.

Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, will deliver a major address and lead workshop sessions on "The Pastoral Task" at a pastor's school at the Beeson Divinity School at Samford University, Birmingham. The school will take place Aug. 7-11 and will include James I. Packer, author of "Knowing God," and concert vocalist Myrtle Hall.

Michael Kenneth Olmsted, former pastor of Russell Baptist Church, Russell, Miss., was honored April 20-21 as a Walter Pope Binns Fellow of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

Olmsted, pastor of University Heights Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo., is among five Baptist leaders selected as 1989 Binns Fellows.

The Binns Fellows are invited to the campus for a period of reflection and intellectual stimulation during the annual theological lectureship. A plaque naming the Fellows is placed in the Charles Haddon Spurgeon Collection of Jewell's Curry Library.

Four men from Clarke County were in Ohio last week, leading in revivals. It was the association's seventh year to send a team to Ohio. Those who went included T. R. Coulter of Oak Grove, Chester Carlisle of Mt. Zion, Leon Williams from Stonewall, and Grady Crowell, director of missions. They preached in four different churches.

For the first time since the invention of movable type printing in the mid-15th century, the number of complete books of the Bible reached 1,907 different languages and dialects in 1988. There are now 310 languages with a complete Bible, 695 with a New Testament, and 902 with at least one complete book of the Bible, thus making the total of 1,907 languages.

Futral, Kelly to speak at BMC commencement



Futral

Kelly

Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, will hold its 116th commencement exercises on May 7, at 3 p.m. Fifty-six graduates from four states and one foreign country will receive bachelor's degrees. The exercises will feature two guest speakers, Jim Futral and Earl Kelly.

The program for the baccalaureate

service will be held at 11 a.m. on May 7 and Jim Futral will deliver the address. Futral is pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. He is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and holds master of divinity and doctor of ministries degrees from New Orleans Seminary.

The commencement will be held at 3 p.m. with Earl Kelly as guest speaker. Kelly is executive-director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. He is a graduate of Mississippi College, and Southern Seminary, from which he holds B.D., Th.M. and Th.D. degrees. In 1974 Mississippi College awarded him a D.D. Degree.

Kelly's daughter, Kay, will be among the graduates.

Both services will be held in the Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium.

Officials block efforts to publish Hebrew 'Mein Kampf'

JERUSALEM, Israel (EP) — While people grapple with the controversy over free speech that was touched off by the publication of Salman Rushdie's book, "The Satanic Verses" which infuriated Moslems around the world and resulted in a multi-million dollar death threat against the author, Israeli officials are grappling with a similar issue in their homeland over efforts to publish a

Hebrew edition of Hitler's *Mein Kampf*, the book that inspired the Jewish holocaust.

Translator Dan Yaron, a survivor of the holocaust, said he hopes that the book would educate Israelis about the evils of the Nazi regime that targeted Jews and other "unfits" for annihilation. But many Israelis believe the book should never sit on Jewish bookshelves.

Hymnal committee work progresses

NASHVILLE (BP) — The 78-member committee to produce a new Southern Baptist hymnal honored editors of previous "Baptist Hymnal" editions during an April 6-7 meeting in Nashville.

W. Hines Sims, editor of the 1956 edition, and William J. Reynolds, editor of the 1975 edition, were guests at a banquet and program to honor their contributions to Southern Baptists' hymn singing.

James L. Sullivan, retired president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, called Sims "one of the smartest men in the music field I ever knew," while board President Lloyd Elder praised Reynolds for "giving his life in the training of ministers of the gospel."

In other business, the committee reviewed about 250 hymns, choruses, calls to worship, benedictions, and choral responses. They earlier completed a review of contents of the 1975 edition of the hymnal.

Wesley Forbis, director of the board's church music department and editor of the hymnal, said he expects 800 pieces of music will be approved for possible inclusion in the hymnal, of which about 575 will be used.

Unsolicited music continues to arrive.

Committee members affirmed announcement of the hymnal name, "The Baptist Hymnal," by Forbis, who said many Southern Baptists had suggested names to be used.

"The Baptist Hymnal" and all related products will be released in March 1991 during PraiSing II.

Faces and places

by Anne Washburn McWilliams

Would you welcome a teenager from France?

Nacel Cultural Exchanges, a non-profit organization, is seeking 45 Mississippi families willing to share their home and family life with an English-speaking French boy. The boys are 14 to 18 years old and will be in Mississippi July 9-August 7. Homes are also needed for 10 girls. Applications and more information may be obtained by writing to Jim and Debbie Gorney, 129 Robin Hood Road, Vicksburg, MS, 39180, or by calling 636-4609.

Would you like to invite a French teenager to your home for a month's stay? You would be giving that young person a chance to practice English, see a little of the United States, live the American lifestyle, form some friendships in Mississippi, and exchange ideas with you, his (or her) new overseas family.

At the same time, your own family would have a good chance to learn more about France and to gain a deeper awareness and appreciation of people of another country, of their similarities and differences. Perhaps it would give you an opportunity, as you explore many subjects, to learn about the teenager's religious beliefs, and to share your own views with him.

You do not have to have teenagers at home to be a host, provided the student can meet other young people among your friends, neighbors, or relatives. You do not have to know how to speak French, because the young person has studied English in school and wants to learn to use it.

The foreign parents pay for transportation and insurance, and supply pocket money. One chaperone, a teacher, for every 30 students, comes

to America with them and will live in an American home during the month.

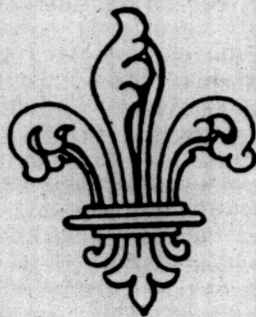
Nacel, the largest summer homestay program between Europe and the U.S., promotes international understanding through such experiences of family sharing and supports foreign language education in American schools by encouraging students to begin and continue foreign language study. It was organized in the U.S. and abroad by language teachers.

Though this is an exchange program, participants may host without going abroad or may go abroad without hosting.

I know from experience that an international guest can stretch your view of the world. To have one of those French students in my home for a month, I think, would be wonderful.

That date again, for the year, is July 9-August 7. Debbie and Jim Gorney are the Mississippi coordinators for Nacel. Debbie says she must find homes for these young people by June 3. You can call her at the number above.

Parlez-vous Francais? Non?



Devotional

"Counted worthy of suffering"

By Bob Rogers

The apostles left the Sanhedrin rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name (Acts 5:41, NIV).

Modern American Christians in cozy cushioned pews find it strange to read that the early Christians rejoiced to be "counted worthy of suffering" for Jesus. We might be willing to suffer if we had to, but we would not consider it a privilege and we certainly would not rejoice.

We Southern Baptists find it hard to imagine ourselves suffering. Why, we have a church at every fork in the road. Mayors, judges, bankers, and the like are on our membership rolls. Yet if we turn a page in history we will find that our Baptist forefathers did suffer.

Thomas Helwys, pastor of the first Baptist church in England, was thrown into jail by King James because Helwys dared to write that all people should have religious freedom. He even said, "The king is a man and not God." Helwys apparently died in prison about 1616.

In 1651, Obadiah Holmes was arrested in Massachusetts, along with some other Baptists, for having an illegal worship service. It was illegal because it was not a Congregational service. As Holmes was taken to be publicly whipped, he said, "I am now to be baptized in afflictions by your hands, that I may have further fellowship with my Lord, for by his stripes am I healed."

Richard Curtis founded the first Baptist church in Mississippi in 1791. Curtis' church was in a rural area north of Natchez, and the Natchez district was ruled by Spain. Only Roman Catholic services of public worship were tolerated. Curtis was arrested and released. When he later performed a secret wedding, the Spanish authorities found out and ordered his arrest, forcing him to flee into exile in South Carolina for three years, 1795-1798. During this time, Curtis was separated from his family. Finally Mississippi came under American control, and Curtis was able to return.

Can you imagine being jailed, whipped, or forced into exile because of your faith? Paul says in Philippians 3:10, "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings . . ." (NIV). Perhaps Baptists of today do not know the power of his resurrection because we have become too comfortable with the establishment to experience the fellowship of his sufferings.

Bob Rogers is pastor, Calvary Church, Gloster.

Appointment service records 251 decisions

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP) — A foreign missionary appointment service here recorded what may be the largest number of commitments to career missions registered in such a meeting.

When FMB President Keith Parks extended an invitation to the audience, 251 people registered missions commitments. While many of those came to pledge greater prayer and financial support for missions, 110 individuals told FMB counselors they wanted to explore careers in foreign missions.

The next day, Parks told an assembly of the meeting's organizers that he believed those decisions represented the largest number of commitments to career missions recorded since the board started holding appointment services outside of Richmond in 1969.

The "remarkably fine response" was evidence that people from almost 1,300 churches in the state had "come praying and with great expectations" for a movement of God in the meeting, Parks said.

Youth baptisms are up slightly

ATLANTA (BP) — For the first time in six years, Southern Baptists have posted a slight gain in baptisms among youth.

A total of 80,506 young people ages 12-17 were baptized by the denomination in 1988, according to Southern Baptists' annual statistical report. That figure is up 606, or 0.8 percent, from the 79,900 posted the previous year.

Southern Baptists reported a record 137,667 youth baptisms in 1972, and the second-highest number, 102,259, in 1982.

From 1972 to 1987, the nation's youth population declined 13.2 percent, while baptisms for the age group plunged 41.9 percent.

In a separate category, baptisms for children ages 6-8 broke the 40,000 barrier for the first time, with 40,524 baptisms. That figure is up 8.5 percent from 37,079 posted the previous year.

The previous high for the group was in 1982, when 37,690 baptisms were recorded.

Baptisms for children ages 9-11 were up 4.5 percent, to 66,839, an increase from the previous year's 63,831. The increase was not a record, since Southern Baptists baptized 92,168 in 1980.

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MBMC raises money for missions

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center's BSU students are raising money for missions at an Arts and Crafts Auction on Wednesday, May 10, noon to 1 p.m. in MBMC's sub-way auditorium. The public is invited. Pictured from left are Gina Osborn, radiology student; Laurin Gordon, radiology student; Bob Wall, director of MBMC's Respiratory Care Department and auctioneer; Debbie Dorsett, education coordinator for MBMC's School of Medical Technology; and Tracy Lewis, radiology student. The students pictured serve on the BSU's mission committee. Not pictured is Beth Jay, medical technology student.



Powerline for teens

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Treat God as a reality

QUESTION:

Now that I'm living with my father, he and his wife want me to go to church. But I don't want to, because I don't get anything out of it. To me it's a waste of time. I try to tell them that, but I guess they just don't know what I mean.

ANSWER:

Obviously every church isn't the same, and there's more to be had from some than from others. But

the facts are that getting something out of anything comes only after a long period of putting something in. You don't, for instance, get a great deal out of the piano without putting in the time. It's the same with opera, cooking, sports, movies — literally anything. And this includes friendships and even love.

I recommend that you simply treat God like all other realities — and give some attention to him. If there is no God then forget it. But if there is, don't ignore him. And one of the best places to contemplate his reality is where they are thinking and talking and singing about him. So start in like a beginner. Practice for another 12 years, and then write us and tell us whether there is anything in it for you.

SCRAPBOOK



May and October must belong together. In the southern hemisphere, May resembles our October. But here we have the contrasts:

May is the time of sowing —
October, the reaping of the harvest;
May, the days of germination —
October, the full fruition of growth.
May speaks softly of expectation and fulfillment;
May acts decisively,
Creatively.

May depends upon the stability of the season;
She gazes to October with confidence.
May inspires enthusiasm
and sings a lilting tune.
I like the joy,
and the inspiration,
Of May.

—J. Clark Hensley

Jones County honors DOM, secretary, on 20th year

Jones County Association gave a reception April 2, honoring Maurice and Mildred Flowers on their 20th anniversary of employment by the association, he as director of missions and she as his secretary.

The reception, according to John Marshall, chairman, Personnel Committee, Jones Association, was given to express "heartfelt love and gratitude to these two fine people." It was held at First Church, Laurel's Heritage Hall. Hundreds attended, from the county's 50 Baptist churches. Love offerings bought gifts for the DOM and his wife — diamond earrings and diamond pendant for Mildred, and a Seiko dress watch, leather attache case, and gift certificate for a suit, for Maurice.

Originally from Hinds County, the Flowerses have three children and five grandchildren. They said they

plan to retire in June 1990, both are members of Highland Church, Laurel, though he regularly visits or preaches among all the association's churches.



Mildred and Maurice Flowers

Volunteer pastors, church leaders, will serve at Tallahatchie's Camp Lakeside

Tallahatchie Baptists have announced their schedule for Camp Lakeside, the summer camp program of Lakeside Baptist Assembly, 12 miles southeast of Charleston.

The camp will have two major changes for the 1989 season. All activities will be basically the same.

The first change involves leadership. Every teenage counselor volunteer will work side-by-side with an adult doing the same job. Volunteer pastors and church leaders will serve on the staff in larger numbers than ever before. Each week the camping program will have a different director and camp pastor, but coordination will be worked out through the camp committee. The program will operate the same from week to week. A paid professional staff will continue to supervise the cafeteria and water safety.

The second change involves scheduling. Camp will be staggered

throughout the summer, so that there will be greater flexibility to accommodate church Vacation Bible School and youth program schedules, community baseball schedules, and family vacations. In the past, the camp schedule often did not permit campers to participate in some of their local church activities, and baseball players often missed camp if they were fortunate enough to get in a playoff. Age groups will be staggered so campers can choose a week "cafeteria-style" that best fits their schedule. The camp will not operate as many weeks, but there will be more real flexibility, and costs will also be reduced so campers will once again have to face no price increase.

June 19-23 will be overnight camping for children who have completed grades 2-6.

July 17-21 will be overnight camping for youths who have completed grade 7 or above.

Day Camp will be held July 24-28 for anyone who has completed at least the first grade.

July 31-August 4 will be a late week added for campers only if necessary. It is shown on the application form so campers may indicate it as a choice. It is for overnight camping for campers who have completed grade 2 or above but have not entered grade 9.

Applications are available on request from any Southern Baptist pastor in Tallahatchie County or from M. C. Johnson, Director of Missions, P. O. Box 999, Clarksdale, Mississippi, 38614.

The staggered camp schedule also allows church groups more flexibility as they plan special activities at the camp. The camp is also available for rent to church groups. The pool will be open Memorial Day-Labor Day. All rentals may be arranged by writing the same address or calling 627-3417.

Mississippi Baptist activities

May 7 *Senior Adult Day (Fam.Min.-CT Emphasis)
May 11 Adult Choir Festival; Harrisburg BC, Tupelo; 7-9 p.m. (CM)

Willard Scott establishes at MC a common sense scholarship

The feud between NBC News' TODAY personalities Willard Scott and Bryant Gumbel has resulted in a "common sense" scholarship being established at Mississippi College to aid a future collegian who plans on attending the college.

This happened following a visit to the Mississippi College campus by Willard Scott to speak at the induction ceremony for new members of Mortar Board, a national honor society.

The weatherman, noted for his unusual mannerisms and spiced-up weather shows, surprised every one of the 2,000 gathered in A. E. Wood Coliseum when he closed his remarks by referring to his disagreement with

Gumbel regarding the TODAY telecast.

"I want to apologize for the senselessness of the feud with my TODAY show colleague by establishing a 'common sense' scholarship with the fee that was to be paid for my appearance here today," said Scott.

He said he would instruct his agent to return the fee to establish the special scholarship and that he would personally make a sizeable contribution to the fund for the next several years. His fee was reported to be \$12,000.

Scott admitted he didn't use much common sense in dealing with the Gumbel controversy. "I was trying to find a way, some way, that I could show a little bit of my regret for keeping a little feud that is so stupid going. It's a feud that should never have gone more than two days at the most."

"Colleges give out scholarships of all kinds for academic achievement, but I want to see one established for those with good ole common sense. I want representatives from this college to go out all over Mississippi and find someone each year who needs a scholarship, who need assistance, someone who has displayed some simple act of common sense."

Why Mississippi College?

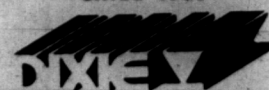
"It was probably fate that brought us together and when I found out that this was a Southern Baptist school and I'm a loyal Southern Baptist myself, the idea for the scholarship just hit me," said Scott. The television personality studied religion and philosophy in college and indicated he probably would have been a preacher had he not stumbled into his current career.

The visit for the Mortar Board installation was his first visit ever to Mississippi College.

The "Common Sense" scholarship is intended to apologize for remarks Scott made in response to an internal memo Gumbel wrote last summer.

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Homecomings

Antioch, Quitman: Saturday, May 6, Eugene Moffett, new pastor, speaking at 10 a.m. service; Sunday, May 7, all day singing and dinner on the grounds at noon.

Union (Rankin): May 7: services 10:45; Charles Burnham, morning message; lunch will be served; afternoon singing featuring the Covenant Quartet; Vernell Daniels, pastor.

First, Orange Grove: May 7; former pastor Robbie Howard, Friendship, Grand Bay, Ala., speaker; lunch served in fellowship hall; The Davis Trio, featured singers; Robert E. Spicer Jr., pastor.

Oak Forest, Jackson: May 7; Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.; and morning worship at 10:30, with preaching by former pastor, Bob Simmons, who is now professor at New Orleans seminary; 11:30, churchwide luncheon; 12:30, singing by Tabb family and others; 1 p.m., afternoon preaching by Bob Simmons; no evening service; Eddie Hamilton, pastor; former members and pastors will be special guests.

Carmel Church, Monticello: May 7; Sunday School will observe High Attendance Day, 9:45 a.m.; 11 a.m., worship service; Eugene Roberts of Brookhaven, formerly interim pastor at Carmel, guest speaker; noon lunch and afternoon singing at 1:30 p.m.; special offerings will be received for church building and cemetery funds; Sammy J. McDonald, pastor.

All of us are incomplete in some parts of our being, whether it be physical or mental or spiritual, the way we see and do things makes the difference in us. Our little idiosyncracies make us that way. Our hang-ups make us definitively unique, so the statement, 'Beauty is in the eye of the beholder', defines those aspects. What we like and dislike puts us, sometimes, at odds with those we love or even to our own kin. God made us this way. Remembering this, we struggle to conform or to get along with those in the world. — Tex McPherson, Dallas



NBC TODAY weatherman Willard Scott (right) made friends with Van D. Quick (left), vice-president for student personnel, and his mother, Mrs. Mary Hurst of Clinton, during his recent trip to Mississippi College where he installed new Mortar Board members and announced the establishment of a Common Sense Scholarship. (MC) Photo)

Senior adult conferences are set for Gulfshore

The senior adult conferences will be held at Gulfshore Assembly May 15-17, May 18-20, and May 22-26. Robert Cook, director of family ministry department, Florida Baptist Convention, will be the preacher and Bible study leader for the first two conferences. They will begin at 4:30 on Monday afternoon and 4:30 on Thursday afternoon.

A leadership conference will be held at 3:45 each of those two afternoons to begin the conference for senior adult club presidents and associational leaders. The music leaders for these periods will be James Beasley, Crystal Springs; Zeno Wells, Gulfport; Art Nelson, Jackson; and Mrs. Bob Cook, Jacksonville, Fla. Special music will be given by the Crystal Springs senior adult choir; First Gulfport senior adult choir; and the Kitchen Band of the First, Itta Bena.

The theme of the retreats, "Senior Adults Ministering To Others," will be carried out through the various special conferences that will be offered during the week. Cortez Hutchinson, Yazoo City, will teach the book, *In Company With Others*. Sid Taylor, Forest, will discuss, "Ministering To Those In Prison." Ethel McKeithen, Jackson, will present, "Ministering Through Crafts." Fuller Saunders, Jackson, will teach, "Bible on Aging." Estus Mason, Crystal Springs, will lead a discussion on

"Senior Adults Ministering to Grown Sons and Daughters." Margaret Hensley, Jackson, will present, "Marriage For Mature Adults." Bob Cook will lead the special leadership training groups. There will be a display of crafts.

Senior Adult III will begin May 22 with supper at 5:30 p.m. This Conference closes with breakfast on May 26.

Eugene Roberts, Brookhaven, will teach, "The Bible on Aging," the second period of the first week. Lowrey Compere, president emeritus, Clarke College, will do both the preaching and the Bible study for the full week, beginning Monday at supper time, May 22. Don Mauldin, senior adult minister, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, Tenn., will do the leadership training. Mac Pace, Friendship Church, Columbus, will lead the music with Art Nelson, pianist and Mrs. Levon Moore, organist. Levon Moore will give the study, "In the Company of Others." Ethel McKeithen and Sid Taylor will repeat the conferences mentioned above. Mrs. Mildred Lollar, Columbus, will lead a special conference on "Investing or Spending Your Money," and Roger Alewine, First, Gulfport, will treat the subject of "Senior Adults Ministering To Their Grown Sons and Daughters" and Fred Tarpley, Jackson, will lead the study, "The Bible and Aging."

Revival dates

Barefoot Springs, Pelahatchie: May 7-11; Sunday, homcoming services, 11 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds, 2 p.m. service, (no evening service); Mon.-Thurs., 7 p.m.; Ricky Gray, pastor, First, Flowood, Church (Rankin), evangelist; Susan Clark, minister of music, Oakdale, (Rankin), music; Grant McElveen, pastor.

North Batesville, Batesville: May 5-7; services, Fri. and Sat., 7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; student revival team from Union University, Jackson, Tenn., will be in charge; Rick Glidewell, pastor.

New Hope, Gulfport: May 7-10; services, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Chuck Kelley, professor, New Orleans Seminary, guest speaker; Mike Hagen, minister of music, New Hope, music; Rick Wilson, pastor.

New Hope, Monticello: May 7-10; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., lunch served at noon; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Cliff Amos, New Orleans Seminary, guest speaker; Steve Huey, music; James M. (Jim) Henson, pastor.

Southside, Yazoo City: May 7-11; services each day at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Roy Clark, evangelist; Scott Adkins, music.

Hillcrest, Jackson: May 14-18; Sunday, 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs., lunch and service at noon, and 7 p.m.; Jim Corbitt, Macon, Ga., evangelist; Tom Larrimore, music evangelist; Maurice Clayton, pastor.

Linwood, Union: May 7-12; 7:30 nightly; Sonny Adkins, speaker; Mickey Gentry, music; Warren Haney, pastor.

Revival results

Pearlhaven, Brookhaven: 12 rededications; two professions of faith.

Just for the Record

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center is sponsoring free health screenings in the hospital's lobby, May 9 and 10, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in conjunction with National Hospital Week. Blood pressure checks will begin at 6:30 a.m. The screenings will include diabetes, cardiac risk, cholesterol flexibility and pulmonary function in addition to blood pressure checks and body fat analysis. There also will be risk screening for breast cancer and information on self exams and diets. Material on signs and symptoms of drug abuse, preventative exercises for osteoporosis, target heart rate and fitness will be available. The public is invited.

Wayside Church, Scobey, will host a gospel singing, May 6, at 1:30 p.m. The evening meal will be served by the church. The singing will resume at 6:30 p.m. Singers from north, south, and central Mississippi are expected to attend.

It's easy to recognize a man of virtue. He's the one who always does right even when nobody's looking.

A successful person is one who went ahead and did the things the rest of us never quite got around to.

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Winston County churches to sponsor tent crusade

Churches of the Winston County Baptist Association will sponsor a crusade during the week of May 7-12.

The crusade will be held on the Louisville High School practice field in a large tent. It will be led by Evangelist Walter K. Ayers, preaching, and Byron Cutrer, singing.

Each night will be highlighted by testimonies. Monday night, Sheldon Gooch, Jackson, will share his testimony.

Tuesday night, Dave Elliott, better known as "Bro. Dave," of WFLA radio station, French Camp, will share his testimony.

Wednesday night, Joel Cockrell, son of Jack and Annie Cockrell of Louisville, will share his testimony.

Thursday night, Joel Logan, a placekicker for the MSU Bulldog football team, will share his testimony.

And on Friday night, Kim McGuffee will share her testimony. McGuffee was Miss Mississippi during the 1986-87 reign and placed in the top ten in the Miss America pageant.

The choir will meet each night at 6 p.m. at the tent.

A free pizza supper will be provided Monday night for young people from grades seven through 12.

Southern reunion set for Las Vegas

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has planned a reunion banquet for alumni and friends of the Louisville, Ky., seminary who will be attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Las Vegas in June.

The banquet will begin at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, at the Las Vegas Hilton. Program features include a keynote address by Southern Seminary President Roy L. Honeycutt, presentation of the 1989 Alumni of the Year awards and music by the seminary Vocal Ensemble. The reunion will also be an occasion for a victory celebration for "Commitment

'90," the capital funding effort for the seminary's \$16 million Campus Center Complex now under construction.

Tickets are \$17.50 each if the request is postmarked May 15 or earlier. After May 15, the price goes to \$21.

Persons interested in ordering tickets should mail their check and stamped, self addressed envelope to: Alumni and Friends Reunion Tickets, Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40280. If no stamped, self addressed envelope is included with the ticket order, the tickets must be picked up at the Southern Seminary exhibit at the convention.

Baptists Committed to SBC to host symposium

HOUSTON — Baptists Committed to the Southern Baptist Convention is hosting a symposium, May 1-2, at the Nashville Convention Center.

The four issues highlighted during the symposium and the speakers for each one are: "Divinely Inspired Scripture as Our Authority," Daniel Vestal, pastor of Dunwoody Church, Atlanta; "Priesthood of the Believer," James H. Slatton, pastor of River Road Church, Richmond, Va.; "Separation of Church and State," James M. Dunn, executive director of Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington; and "Local Church Autonomy," Leon Smith, pastor of First Church, Goldsboro, N.C.

Bill Sherman, pastor of Woodmont

Church, Nashville, will open the symposium speaking on the theme, "Here We Stand." Other keynote messages will be brought by Russell H. Dilday, president of Southwestern Seminary; and Winfred Moore, chair of Baptist Committed and pastor of First Baptist Church, Amarillo.

John F. Baugh, layman at Second Church, Houston, and Brian L. Harbour, pastor of Emmanuel Church, Little Rock, will speak on the "Cost of Disunity" from the perspective of a layman and pastor.

For more information contact Oeita Bottorff, Baptists Committed, P. O. Box 56386, Houston, Texas 77256, or call (713) 520-0221.

ELDERHOSTEL will feature three June courses at MC

The Division of Continuing Education at Mississippi College will host a campus ELDERHOSTEL program on June 11-17, and reservations are now being accepted for both residential and commuter participants.

ELDERHOSTEL is a week-long residential program of study for adults 60 years and older.

Elderhostelers will stay in a campus dormitory, eat in the college cafeteria, and attend classes on campus. Local residents interested in enrolling are encouraged to get their applications in immediately. The cost for residential participants will be \$225 per person and includes food and lodging. Program cost for commuters will be \$100 for the week and includes all course-related activities.

The program will feature three courses. "Southern Politics and Politi-

cians" will be led by Bill Hicks, associate professor of political science. Bill Ellis, assistant professor of English, will teach "Creative Writing: Lies That Tell the Truth." "The Art of Storytelling: A Worldwide Heritage" will feature Nell Shivers, professional storyteller.

A limited number of scholarships to cover costs above the \$40 deposit are available.

Registration for residential participation may be made by contacting ELDERHOSTEL, 80 Boylston Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02116, telephone (617) 426-8056. Local area adults wishing to attend as commuters or residential participants and interested in scholarship information or applications should contact Carey Gaughf, (601) 925-3265, in the Division of Continuing Education at Mississippi College.

Mrs. Hicks, pastor's widow, dies

Mrs. Byrd Williams Hicks, 86, of Calhoun City, died April 14, at Winona Manor in Winona after a lengthy illness.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Julie Halfacre of Winona; a sister, Mrs. Louie Elinor of Memphis; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted

from Second Baptist Church, Calhoun City at 2 p.m. on April 16. John Allen Wade officiated, with Jerry Mixon and Nolan Houston assisting.

The Calhoun City Second Baptist Church was organized by Mrs. Hicks and her late husband, a pastor, Roscoe Hicks. Together they served churches in Calhoun, Grenada, and Webster counties.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTARIES

God rewards loyal service

By Greg Martin
Joshua 14:6, 9-14

Loyalty is a character quality that is found in few men today. The only thing that most people are loyal to is their own desires, goals, and plans. Few men are loyal to other men, much less to God.



Martin

Caleb was not like most modern men. He was faithful to God during his adult life. He was loyal to Moses and then Joshua as they led the children of Israel. Most people would have been jealous of Joshua if they had been in Caleb's sandals. The two were the only ones of the 12 spies to bring back a favorable report concerning the promised land (Numbers 13-14). Both were loyal to Moses and were filled with courage. At the end of the wilderness wanderings, when Moses died, Joshua, not Caleb, was chosen to pick up the mantle of leadership. Instead of conniving to dispose of Joshua, Caleb became a loyal supporter of Joshua. Caleb was loyal to Joshua

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because his heart was after the Lord.

In this 14th chapter, we examine the request of Caleb for the land that God promised him through Moses. Joshua's honoring the request demonstrates God's pleasure by his rewarding us for our loyal service.

Caleb reminded Joshua of the promise that Moses made him when he and Joshua returned to Kadesh-barnea after spying out the land (verses 6, 9). The promise was an inheritance in the land. Caleb must have often reminded himself of God's promise. The promise of God for him was a source of strength and hope. The Lord's promises surely have the same effect in our lives.

Caleb was assured of an inheritance because he was loyal to God. Three times this chapter informs us he wholeheartedly followed the Lord (verses 8, 9, 14). His heart's healthy disposition was evidenced by the faith he possessed in giving the good report. While the other ten spies said the land could not be conquered, Caleb, along with Joshua, reported truthfully to Moses

and was eager to possess the land with God's help. Caleb's faith was rewarded by God with a promise of an inheritance. God's desire to reward loyal servants is just as vibrant today. He promises to reward persons who give him their unqualified allegiance. Hebrews 11:6 reminds us the only way to be rewarded by God is to come to him in faithful devotion.

Forty-five years passed between God's promise of reward to Caleb and the fulfillment of his promise (verse 10). At the dividing up of the land, Caleb was eager to see God's word fulfilled. He had waited a long time. Often we expect God to be true to his word in our timetable.

His rewards for loyal service are sometimes deferred. This time of waiting is not to be characterized with laziness and complaining, but with God's power and continued loyalty. Caleb's continuing strength and vigor through the age of 85 represents a day-by-day reward for his loyal service, even as he awaited the reward of the land (verses 10-11). Rewards have both an ongoing and future aspect.

Caleb's request was to have the hill country of Anakim (verse 12). That was the place where many giant men lived. Caleb was not ready to retire at 65 years of age. At 85 he saw God's

work that needed to be done. He saw new challenges that lay before him. Caleb's vigor, confidence, and acceptance of challenge can encourage and inspire senior adults of our day. Many senior saints glory only in the good old days of yesteryear. Not Caleb. He was confident that God would help him drive out the Anakites. From this old soldier's life, we can learn that loyal service to God involves relying on his help in meeting new challenges.

Joshua granted Caleb's request and was given the land that came to be known as Hebron (verses 13-14). This inheritance was given because of Caleb's proven loyalty. The proven faithfulness of the Lord gives believers confidence that he will reward them for loyal service. Sometimes his reward comes in a variety of forms, not all of which involve prosperity, comfort, or security. Sometimes his reward involves undertaking more challenging tasks and shouldering larger responsibilities.

Can your life be marked by loyalty? Do you see challenges for God's work in your life, Sunday School class, or church? God is always mindful of those who seek to do his will.

Martin is pastor, Commission Road Church, Long Beach.

Teaching the gospel in Ephesus

By Bert Breland
Acts 18:23-19:41

Paul's second missionary journey concluded with his return to Antioch (18:22), and the third journey was about to begin. However, Luke inserts the story about Apollos as an interlude between the journeys.



Breland

Apollos was an Alexandrian Jew who was well educated and quite articulate. The odd thing about Apollos was that he came preaching that Jesus was the Christ, and he taught about Jesus accurately, but he didn't know anything about Christian baptism.

Apollos and the twelve disciples that Paul encountered at Ephesus seemed to have the same problem. The only baptism that they knew anything about was the baptism of John. Paul set the disciples straight, and he or one of his associates baptized them in the name of Jesus. However, we can't be sure if Apollos was ever baptized in the name of Jesus. We can assume that he was, because the

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text indicates that Priscilla and Aquila took him to the side and taught him something. We can't be sure exactly what they taught him because the Bible is silent, but it appears that it would be concerning Christian baptism since his doctrine concerning Jesus was right.

One of the interesting things about Paul's encounter with the disciples of John was their remark concerning the Holy Spirit. Most English translations have these disciples saying something to the effect that they didn't even know that there was a Holy Spirit. While this translation may be correct, the interpretation seems a little weak. It seems unlikely that the disciples of John would have no knowledge of the Holy Spirit or God's Spirit.

A more plausible interpretation would be that they hadn't realized that the Spirit had been made available to all, or given to all. In the Old Testament the indwelling of the Spirit had been selectively available, but following Pentecost it was available to all Christians. It seems likely

that they were still operating under an Old Testament understanding of the spirit.

It is obvious that Apollos and the twelve had experienced the Holy Spirit because they were Christians out proclaiming the gospel. This leads us to the obvious conclusion that people can be convicted of their sin by the Holy Spirit and ask Jesus to come into their life and be regenerated by the power of the Holy Spirit without even realizing that he exists. A genuine understanding of the Spirit and how he works may only come later, as with the experience of a child that is converted. Apollos and these disciples, like so many since that time had experienced more than they understood. As Frank Stagg, New Testament scholar, said of these disciples, "their experience had outrun their theology."

As Paul began his ministry in Ephesus, he again returned to the synagogue. However, just as in Corinth and Antioch of Pisidia, he was not to stay long. In the previous cities Paul had been forced or nearly forced to leave the synagogue. In Ephesus, he decided to leave before that point was reached. Paul's decision was based on the good of the gospel. He wanted to find a place where he could preach and the people

could listen without being interrupted or harassed.

Luke reports that Paul's move from the synagogue to a public meeting hall was successful, because in a two-year period all the Jews and Greeks in Asia heard the word of the Lord. Luke also notes that during this time in Ephesus that the Lord used Paul to perform some extraordinary miracles. It appears that these miracles came specifically to combat the charms, mystics, and magic of Ephesus. Again Paul enjoyed a success as many of the people who were involved in such practices did away with their magical books and portions.

Luke used verse 20 as a summary statement to close the book on this part of Paul's ministry in Macedonia, so that he could open the door for the gospel's continuing effort to cross all barriers on its way to Jerusalem and eventually Rome. Luke recorded for us Paul's attitude about carrying the gospel across their barriers. He simply says that "Paul was resolved in the Spirit." What a wonderful example for all of us that we too might be resolved in the Spirit to share the good news.

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"Peace with God and one another"

By Gary G. Berry
Ephesians 2:8-22

Salvation is the gift of God to be received by faith, not to be earned by works (verses 8-9). In verse 5, Paul declared that "it is by grace you have been saved."



Berry

The word "grace" is one of the most beautiful and potent words in the New Testament. Grace means to give a gift of unmerited favor and love. In this context, Paul spoke of salvation as the grace gift of God. The simple conclusion is obvious: salvation could never come by good works, but only by the grace of God. In fact, "grace" and "works" cancel each other out.

If only one good work were required for salvation, then redemption would be gained by man's effort and not by God's grace. How many have attempted to gain forgiveness and favor with God by participating in a flurry of good deeds or church activities? That shall always be an exercise in futility.

Faith is the way an individual responds to

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God's grace. One must understand his total helplessness and hopelessness apart from the grace of God. A lost sinner realizes that neither good works, church membership, money, power, social standing, friends, education, nor any combination thereof can secure his standing before God. Human faith itself must not be seen as a "work," but as the means by which we receive the free gift of God.

Works may produce boasting while faith eliminates boasting (verse 9). Paul did not oppose good works which were the fruit of salvation; he merely shot down the idea of a performance-based salvation. Neither did he believe that grace was an invitation to irresponsible living.

As a young boy, I prayed and asked Jesus to forgive my sin and come into my heart. I gave him my life in that moment and promised to live for him. Sitting barefoot under a tree, dressed in "holy" blue jeans, and without a shirt, this freckle-faced kid had nothing to offer the God of the universe who sent his only Son to die on a cross. Jesus became Lord and Savior by a

choice to stake life and eternity on the death and resurrection of Jesus and the scriptures which had been explained by loved ones and Sunday School teachers. It was true in that instance as it is true in all others, salvation was all of God's grace and nothing of human merit.

Salvation does produce good works in believers (verse 10). The word "workmanship" means a finished product. The emphasis of this verse is that salvation is a finished product. The verb "create" in the Bible is used only to refer to the activity of God. Only God creates. The purpose of new life in Christ is that Christians should walk in good works. When salvation is genuine, one experiences a new life, and with the new life, a new purpose for living.

Unbelievers, who have never experienced the grace of God by faith, are separated from God and from his people (verses 11-12). Paul reminded the Gentiles of their lost and helpless condition before they experienced the grace of God. They were separated from Christ, excluded from the family of God. The Jews, filled with pride, were determined to keep the Gentile "dogs" in their place. The Gentiles had no hope of forgiveness of sins or of life eternal, and the Jews who had the answer, refused to share it.

God had the answer for hopeless men who were excluded from life and God because of sin. The answer is the same today as it was 2,000 years ago (verses 13-22). In every age men who receive Christ on the basis of his finished work for them on the cross find peace within themselves and between themselves. The contemporary counterpart of Jewish pride and exclusivism may be firmly entrenched in church circles today. The pressing need of the world is to hear and see that Christ has broken down barriers, reconciling men to God through his cross. He came and preached peace to those who were shut out in hopelessness as well as to those who were locked into a religious system.

When a person experiences the grace of God, he is a new creation in Christ. All things are new. Distinctions and differences highlighted by man have disappeared. As Herschel Hobbs has stated: "One Jew plus one Gentile plus Christ equals two Christian brothers. Use any combination of races, colors, social conditions, or national distinctions, and the answer is the same." The differences between such groups must be solved in Christ.

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MOTHER'S DAY, 1989

The Case for The Children's Village

For many years, CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK has been reserved by our Convention as a period of special emphasis upon the mission of The Baptist Children's Village, and the second Sunday in May, traditionally observed as Mother's Day is the date suggested to local Baptist churches by the Convention for the observation and encouragement of a special offering, designated for the general use and benefit of this ministry. In recognition and appreciation of its certification as the official residential child care agency of Mississippi Baptist Convention, the Village never appeals to local churches, as organized groups, for money support on any other occasion. As a result, and because The Children's Village is dependent upon voluntary giving for all of its needs, Christian Home Week is the most important week in the entire year to boys and girls who live in Village custody and to those who are responsible for their welfare.

In 1989, a generous and substantial response to the Mother's Day appeal is critically important to the operating needs of this essential and sensitive Christian service to troubled Mississippi children. We believe our church friends should know that the Village has failed to reach its Mother's Day goal for 5 consecutive years; that 84 fewer churches contributed anything to the Village in 1988 than in 1987; that designated cash receipts by churches to the Village for any purpose, were lower in 1988 than at any time since 1984; and that only 4 of the 12 different appeals for funding which we have addressed to individuals during the past 4 years reached their goals.

Meanwhile, minimum costs of living and agency operation, especially in areas which are beyond the control of Village staff, have steadily and relentlessly increased. The cumulative effort of a failure to meet minimum receipt goals for 4 to 5 years consecutively, accompanied by uninterrupted increases in the costs of goods and services which the Village must purchase place this old and honored mission in a posture of real difficulty as we literally struggle to meet our minimum, daily, financial obligations.

Trustees and staff who serve at The Children's Village are conscious of knotty decisions which confront the Mississippi Baptists, both as individuals and as members of organized church bodies because of the multiple, legitimate mission appeals which richly deserve response and attention, and among which some of us are occasionally obliged to choose. However, Village young people and Village services which these young people require in such desperate degree, must regularly turn to Mississippi Baptists for support since the agency is completely dependent upon Baptist churches and individual friends for its very existence and survival.

The history of this ministry in Mississippi is replete with evidence of a commitment on the part of Mississippi Baptists to this cause and a willingness to support its needs. Rarely, have friends of residential child care in this Baptist state failed to respond, promptly and generously, when the staff entrusted with this stewardship have openly and honestly communicated a special need. Openly and honestly, the Village of children communicate a special need to you now, imploring a prompt and substantial interest in your prayers, understanding and your designated giving to Village operating needs at Mother's Day, 1989. We earnestly pray that you will afford general Village support immediate and priority attention, and we believe you will.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

Codes are secret signals

By Lucille W. Bailey

While spending some time in the hospital, I did a lot of listening. One thing I often heard was the various codes that were called out. Now according to Webster's dictionary a code is "a set of prearranged symbols used for purposes of secrecy."

The first code used by personnel was Code 1. Now this meant that an ambulance driver was needed, but there was no real emergency. This code is given mostly when a person is to be picked up at the rest home. If there were an ambulance driver on the floor, he went immediately to the emergency area and left in the ambulance to pick up a patient.

Another code that was used was Code 2. This meant that an ambulance driver was needed, and that there was an emergency. This time the ambulance driver would run to the elevator and as the ambulance pulled away from the hospital, the sirens would be going full blast.

A code that I did not hear was Code 3. This means that there is a fire in the hospital. However, an evacuation plan is posted and the nurses know exactly what to do.

Code 9 signified bad weather. When this signal was called, nurses would scurry to close drapes and unplug all electrical equipment. However, the signal, Code Blue, is the most dreaded one. This means that someone is very sick and needs all the care they can get, and in a hurry. When this code is called, all doctors and registered nurses run to the area where they are needed.

After listening to these codes being called, I realized that the Bible is full of codes, and they are not hard to find. Take this code, for instance: "This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). Now this code applies to everyone and not like Code 1, just in need of an ambulance driver.

Listen to this code as found in Hebrews 13:5: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Isn't it wonderful to have such a good code that applies to everyone?

Here's another code found in the Bible in Matthew 6:34: "Do not be anxious about tomorrow." Now here again we have a code that applies to everyone and not just a few. However, the greatest and most important code in the Bible is found in John 3:16: Say it with me. "For God" Now when we hear this code called from the pulpit or from VBS, please remember that each and everyone of us should respond. This code is for everyone from sea to shining sea.

Lucille Bailey lives at State Line.



Jewish boy

This boy is at Jerusalem's Western Wall, where Jewish people meet to pray. Jews who believe in Jesus as Messiah hope to share the message with their own people. Now there are some 3,000 Messianic Jews in 30 congregations in Israel. Several of the 50 Southern Baptist representatives there worship regularly with Jewish believers. (FMB) PHOTO by Joanna Pinneo

Pen Pal Club

Hi! My name is Rachel Allred. I go to Sunflower Baptist Church. I am 13. If you write me I will write back and send a picture. If you write. I will call you one day soon. That's a promise. My hobbies are pals, 4-wheelin, talking on the phone, hanging with friends, and tons more. Pick up a pen and write me at Rt. 1, Box 50, Sunflower, MS 38778.

Rachel

Dear Pen Pal, April 12, 1989,
My name is Tabatha Danielle Dewberry. My address is Rt. 1, Maben, MS 39750. I go to GAs at Double Springs Baptist Church. I am six years old. My hobbies are playing my piano, riding my bike, playing. I am in the first grade.

Love,
Tabatha

Dear Pen Pal,

I would like to see you. My name is Linda Kemp. I go to Double Springs Church, My address is Route 1, Box 336, Maben, MS 39750. My hobbies are riding my bike, dancing, listening to gospel music. I am 8 years old. My birthday is Jan. 28. I am a GA.

Your friend
Linda Kemp

Dear Pen Pal,

My name is Stephanie Swindoll. My address is Rt. 2, Box 400, Mathiston, MS 39572. I go to Double Springs Baptist Church. My hobbies are riding my bike, playing my keyboard, and listening to my radio. I am nine years old. I am in the 3rd grade.

Love,
Stephanie

Pen Pal,

My name is Karen Roberts, Rt. 1, Maben, MS 39750. I go to church at Double Springs Baptist Church. My hobbies are riding horses, riding bikes, fishing, swimming, and listening to the radio. I am 9 years old. I am in the 4th grade.

Your friend,
Karen

Dear Pen Pal,

My name is Julie McCool. My address is 203 Park Avenue, Starkville, Miss. I go to Double Springs Baptist Church. My favorite hobbies are going fishing, swimming, and riding my bike.

I go to GA. My zip code is 39759. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade.

Love,
Julie

Pen Pal,

I would like to have a pen pal. My name is Tiffany A. Oswalt. My address is Rt. 1, Box 183, Maben, MS 39750. I go to Double Springs Baptist Church. My hobbies are swimming, fishing, dancing, playing the piano, riding my bike, and going to GAs. I listen to country music, rock music, and gospel music. My age is 9½ and I am in third grade.

Your friend,
Tiffany

Field rats in Thailand

By Maxine Stewart



Campaigns have been conducted in rural Thailand to try to deal with field rats. In the early 1980s, as much as 70 per cent of the rice crops were destroyed some years in some areas by rats. In desperation, farmers started government-backing campaigns to kill rats. In one province, the admission to the annual fair was ten rat tails! A contest was conducted to see who could collect the greatest number of rat tails. Winners got prizes of water buffaloes, ducks, chickens, and bicycles.

These competitions paid off, as the rat population appeared to dwindle. In 1980, it was reported that 8,000,000 rats were killed, saving an estimated 400 million baht (US \$16 million) in various foods in the northeast alone. In the Central Plains, 7.5 million rats were killed in one week. It was then decided to make this an annual event. In 1984, three million rats were killed in 40 of the 75 provinces. By 1985, the number killed was down to 1.4 million.

But rats continue to multiply rapidly. One pair of rats, some have said, can produce 1,000 offsprings in a year. Because of this, rat-killing efforts must go on.

One of the most famous rat killers is Thawin Thungkham, a farmer in Phrae Province. He has been in the news quite often with his rare skill in luring field rats out of their holes and

catching them. With a battery-operated bicycle headlight strapped to his forehead, he heads for the fields. He uses simple home-made spear-like weapons made of bamboo with sharp metal spikes at the end. Besides the weapons, he uses his voice. Ten years ago he started going to hunt field rats with others in his village. He began to try to imitate the sound the rats made when they are caught. His catches soon far surpassed those of his neighbors. Some nights he and his assistants catch as many as 100 rats. What the families do not eat are sold in the village open market to earn extra money. The big ones sell for 30 baht (US \$1.20).

One of Thawin's assistants, the village chief, has been going rat hunting with Thawin for five years. He has tried to learn to make the rat-call sounds, but has been unable to do it. Even Thawin is puzzled as to how he does it. He has recorded his voice doing the call and others have tried to do it, but no one has yet succeeded.

Many of the Christian Thai farmers have been affected by the field rats. Even some of the pastors and home missionaries help in killing them. Missionary Bob Stewart, director of leadership training in Thailand, usually celebrates Christmas with several Christian groups in rural areas. In one of the country homes where he had preached at the Christmas celebration the night before, he was served rat for breakfast. The host thought nothing of serving him this dish, since they eat it frequently. In many areas it is the main source of protein.

Maxine Stewart is a missionary in Thailand.



Answers to a Bible quiz

I, Jud E. Sherlock, was summoned to solve the mystery of the jam escaping from the pots at the Smith Co. The weather being cold, I chose a warm coat, and the bell on my fez rattled as I hurried over. The president, Joe L. Smith, awaited me and blustered, "This is a terrible Smith Co. loss," I answered, "Let's have the facts." "See for yourself," he said.

I checked, Hmmm. The brew steamed. It was lukewarm. Vice president John Smith walked past with his pet ermine. Speaking suddenly he called, "You shouldn't be working on this solo. Monday is always a bad day here." I scratched the chronic lesion on my head. This job was going to be tough all right. I changed position because standing had my legs numb. Erstwhile, my gaze shifted to a mat. The writing said, "Ban a human!" I must mark this down. I mused.

Mr. Smith was nervous at best. He

The above Bible quiz was printed in the Baptist Record on March 30, 1989. Apparently there are 30, and not 31, books in the quiz. Those 30 are as follows:

Jude, James, Hosea, Ezra, Joel, Colossians, Acts, Hebrews, Luke,

rustled papers in a ruthless way. "Well, do you plan to stand there and revel at Ionic architecture all day?" he sarcastically asked. With a straight face I retorted, "No, I plan to lament at ion spectrogram all year! Judge shrewdly! We need time to study the situation."

Suddenly, he shouted, "What a fool I am — ostrich with my head stuck in the sand! I forgot that it uses sugar. Mr. Sherlock, come into my office and I will explain the mystery."

"Philip, hi. Lemonade for Mr. Sherlock, please," he ordered his steward. Philip asked, "Would you prefer coffee?" "Yes, coffee, Philip," I answered. Mr. Smith explained everything as we sat at a table on a beautiful white shag. Gaily we brunched on eggs and ham a la Chicago.

— by Verie Sandborg

In the above story there are 31 books of the Bible. Find them!

John, Peter, Kings, Solomon, Chronicles, Job, Numbers, Matthew, Nahum, Mark, Esther, Ruth, Revelation, Lamentations, Judges, Amos,

Titus, Philemon, Philippians, Hag-gai, and Malachi.



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